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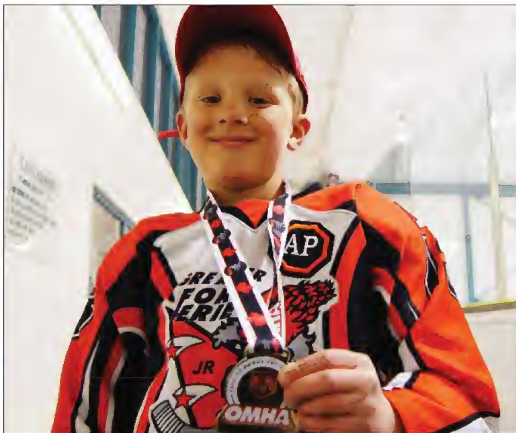
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A golden goal



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Bryson Allen is just one of the many hard-working and skilled members of the Fort Erie Major Novice 'A' hockey team who took home the Ontario Minor Hockey Association championship for their age group last weekend. Bryson scored the game winning goal in the third period, boosting his team to a 4-3 victory and series win against the Erie North Shore Storm. Go to page 19 to read more about it.

Council reverses decision

➤ Motion to
restructure EDTC
rescinded

Kris Dubé
The Times

A decision made by council late last year has been reversed.

In September 2011, ward six Coun. Paul Collard motioned to restructure the Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation (EDTC) and a majority of council voted in favour of the EDTC's three staff members becoming employees of the Town of Fort Erie.

At Monday's council-in-committee meeting, Collard asked council for support to rescind the motion and allow the EDTC to move back to its previous formula, operating as an arms-length agency to the municipality.

Since council voted in favour of making this change last year, Collard said there has been a "maelstrom of dialogue" over the issue by people who both agreed and disagreed with the process.

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Stations of the Cross



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Our Lady of Victory students Austin Greaves, Caeden Moore, Chris Johnson and Peter Mountain rehearsing the school's annual rendition of the Stations of the Cross on Monday.

'It's just a distraction we don't need right now'

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"It is also a fact that the town has been dealt a lousy hand over the last few weeks," said Collard, referring to the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG's) decision to close the slots at Fort Erie Racetrack at the end of the month.

The councillor for Stevensville says that now is a time to support the EDTC and any plans it may have in an attempt to save hundreds of jobs at the slots and later at the racetrack.

"We must also count on our partners," said Collard.

After finishing his comments, council unanimously voted in favour of rescinding his motion from September.

After the meeting, Collard said the purpose of removing his motion from last year was to put council in a position to focus on more important issues in Greater Fort Erie and giving the EDTC the support it needs to find a solution for the Fort Erie Racetrack.

"It's just a distraction we don't need right now," said

Collard.

At the meeting that council approved Collard's motion in September 2011, several figures from the local business community attended as delegates, expressing concern for what was about to happen.

Many people in the community criticized the decision, saying some members of council had a lack of confidence in the EDTC.

"I can see how the original motion might have done that," he said.

Collard said the intent of putting the EDTC under the town's umbrella should never be considered as an attempt to abolish it or limit its ability to promote economic development.

"Nobody ever said the EDTC was going to be disbanded," said Collard.

The Stevensville councillor feels that council's priority should not be discussing semantics but finding ways to attract new business to town.

"We need to start answering what's going to happen tomorrow," he said.

"It's very important for us, turning this town around and getting some long-term, sustainable growth," he added.

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Recommendations support future growth

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Local politicians have unanimously supported a staff report that is expected to open up opportunities for more local jobs.

At Monday's council-in-committee meeting, six recommendations were forwarded to the Niagara Region by the Town of Fort Erie, with hopes they are added to the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone's Community Improvement Plan (CIP).

The purpose of the CIP is to provide a comprehensive framework for the introduction and implementation of financial incentive programs and municipal leadership strategies designed to accomplish the goals for designated employment lands, reads the staff report.

The recommendations in the report include the addition of a definitions section, which is deemed important because it helps identify priority lands and the type of employment opportunities that will be addressed.

Another suggestion being made by the Town of Fort Erie is the recognition of the industrial business district as a priority area.

Council and staff also feel the creation of employment should outweigh environmental measures taken by potential businesses and companies that may be attracted to Fort Erie, which Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero commented on at Monday's meeting.

"We're not in a position where to such an extent that we can put wind turbines and energy efficient lighting above getting people employed," said Passero.

Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley, who even referred to himself as a "tree hugger" agreed with Passero, that jobs should be the most prominent priority.

"I'm sorry, but jobs have to come first," said Steckley.

Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular said Fort Erie has faced a number of unique challenges such as brownfield and provincially significant wetland legislation, which has limited the amount of development that be started in town.

Shular hopes these additional recommendations will alleviate some of those obstacles.

"We need to link these to an overall strategy," said Shular.

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill also expressed his support for the recommendations and along with the rest of council, hopes they will be taken seriously at the regional level.

"I look forward to the next steps," said Hill.

Ward 6 Coun. Paul Collard was very pleased with the report and the fact that all of council were supportive of it.

"It's a great step forward in giving this town some more direction and economic development," said Collard.

A colourful contest



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

On Wednesday, the winners of the Fort Erie Times Easter colouring contest stopped by the office to claim their prizes, donated by the local newspaper. The winners seen here are Grace Gismandi, Liam Millar, Hannah Kennedy, Emma Giles, Delaney Passero and Avery Maulucci.



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Niagara Music Awards to kick-off at Sanctuary for the Arts

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

It almost wasn't going to happen this year, but Nathan Chamberland took the reins and he has been working around the clock ever since to organize this year's Niagara Music Awards (NMA).

In anticipation of the 5th annual Niagara Music Awards, the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts is hosting a launch party for the ceremony on April 24.

About four months ago, Morgan Whelan and Jack Mitchell, co-founders of the NMAs, decided not to run the event this year because of other commitments, says Chamberland, executive director of the NMAs.

"It's a very big undertaking and Morgan thought she couldn't do it [joke this year]," Chamberland says.

Chamberland, who is a local producer, songwriter and a two time NMA winner himself, says he knew that not having the awards ceremony this year "wasn't right."

That's why Chamberland, along with a small committee, took over the ceremony and all of its preparations.

The NMAs are special to the Niagara region because it offers local musicians a chance to be appreciated for their contribution to the music scene. It's an opportunity most local local musicians wouldn't have without the NMA, Chamberland says.

"To me, music is a job you do day-in and day-out, hoping that one day you will be able to feed your family doing it and not having to go to work in a factory pushing buttons."

Although the NMAs are a fairly new award ceremony, Chamberland says it's an important one because Niagara has a strong music scene.

"The Niagara music scene is different than any other scene. I don't know what's in the water but Niagara has stellar musicians."

The executive director says some of the bands that have gotten their start in the Niagara region include The Trews and Mrs. Johnston.



The gang behind this year's Niagara Music Awards are ready to kick things off April 24 at Ridgeway's Sanctuary Centre for the Arts. From left is Todd Brown, Aaron MacGregor, Nathan Chamberland, Brandon Ross, Lindsay Attoft and Justin Parsons.

"There's just so many of them," says Chamberland, adding that the NMAs are a way to say "thank you to many of these local artists who otherwise wouldn't have any recognition."

This year, the launch party features special guest Jag Tanna of the recently reunited band I Mother Earth. "I Mother Earth has been one of my favourite bands since '92."

Chamberland says the launch party will offer and intimate question and answer period with Tanna and guests who attend will also be treated catored food while listening to a number

of local bands perform.

The organizers are also trying to breathe new life in the ceremony by including new categories. A new category for electronic musicians was recently added to the awards ceremony

because of demand.

Chamberland says if anyone would like to see a new category added to the ceremony, he is open to suggestions.

Although there is no final date set for the NMAs, Chamberland says a final date will be announced at the launch party.

The launch party begins at 7 p.m. at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts on Ridge Road in Ridgeway on April 24.

Artists can submit entries for a number of categories including best female and male vocalist and best song of the year at 10 p.m. during the launch party.

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Students orchestrate compositions with Niagara Symphony

Kris Dubé

Fort Erie Times

When students at Stevensville Public School started their academic year, many of them likely had no idea about what an oboe is and what it does.

This has all changed, after an extensive in-school program that has been offered by the Niagara Symphony.

On Wednesday, the culmination of a five day workshop was showcased to the entire student body.

Students in grade seven and five between two classes, started the program off by learning the fundamentals of seven woodwind and string instruments and by the end were composing original material with the renowned orchestra.

There were four groups, who each wrote their own short tune, with the help of the professional musicians and on Wednesday those songs were played in front of the whole school.

B.J. Armstrong is the Niagara Symphony's education co-ordinator said she and all other members of the musical unit were more than pleased to offer their expertise to the students in such a unique program.

"It's re-inforcing a whole bunch of different skills, including the recording of music," she said before the show started on Wednesday.

The orchestra members are there to help the students structure a full piece, but are also there to incorporate input from the

classes.

"The children get to say to the musicians... can we try it this way?"

Grade seven students Rea Kruttschke and Elyssa Ashcroft said they learned a lot from the program, working so closely with musical experts.

"It was definitely cool, the simple tunes we made and what they turned them into," said Kruttschke.

Ashcroft agreed, saying the symphony members were more than open to suggestions from students.

"They tried everything we asked them to," she

said.

Arts and music teacher Rich Roach said "critical thinking" is the biggest advantage for students involved in the workshop and they were able to see how much work goes into arranging music.

"They learned all the

elements of composition and they got to see the whole process," said Roach.

In a tough economic time with a limited amount of future career opportunities for youth, Roach said although they are young, this could be seen as a

deciding factor for some of the children who took advantage of what they learned... since the times are changing.

"We encourage them to be ready for change and they are celebrating every note from this," said Roach.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Niagara Symphony performers John Price, left, Charlene Nagel, Marlene Dankew-Bath and Gordon Cleland performing for students at Stevensville Public School on Wednesday.

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our editorial

Wear a daffodil to make a difference

Join in the fight against cancer and remember those individuals who have passed away from cancer by wearing a daffodil this April.

It's cancer awareness month and that means friendly volunteers from the Canadian Cancer Society will be out and about collecting donations across the Niagara region for cancer research in exchange for daffodil pins.

The daffodil is one of the first flowers to bloom in the spring. The flower is a symbol of hope and renewal and when you donate your spare change to the Canadian Cancer Society, you can show your support by wearing one.

The job these volunteers are doing is an invaluable one and they should be thanked for their efforts because of the impact they are making.

The Canadian Cancer Society estimates that in 2011, about 27,800 people passed away from cancer and about 66,900 new cases were diagnosed that year.

Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death in Ontario and last year an estimated 6,700 people passed away from it.

For women living in Ontario, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed type of cancer and an estimated 9,000 were diagnosed with it and 1,950 women died last year from it.

For men living in Ontario, prostate

cancer is the leading cause of cancer death with an estimated 10,600 men who were diagnosed with it and 1,550 men who passed away from it last year.

The reality is that it's very likely everyone knows someone, or will know someone, who has lost their lives to cancer.

It's thanks to the volunteers who give their time to create awareness for the disease, which claims the lives of thousands each year, and raise funds for the Canadian Society, enabling it to provide important services and programs for people who have been touched with cancer.

It's because of the donations given every year to the society that volunteers can help patients by providing them with transportation to and from their chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

The society also provides one-on-one and group support for people living with cancer and resources for individuals with loved ones battling the terrible disease, as well as a number of other important services.

For more information about how to volunteer or to make a donation visit www.cancer.ca or phone the Niagara Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society at 905-694-6241.

If a volunteer knocks at the door, give generously—it will make a difference in many lives.



Do You Remember?

Thank you to Sheri Brown who identified her grandfather Clarence Clark as the gentleman on the far right in last week's photo.

She also told us that the Do You Remember feature is the first thing she looks for in the paper every week.

As well, an anonymous caller told us that the man to the left of Mr. Clark was Ernie

Maskell and two of the women in the front row were (left) Bonnie Whittingham and (centre) Dora Thompson.

Mr. Clark sat on school and library boards and this photo could have been associated with these boards sometime in the 1960's.

This week's photo shows three wolf cubs proudly dis-

playing trophies and ribbons.

Coincidentally, the photo was taken April 7, 1981.

Can anyone shed some light on who they were and why they had their picture in the paper?

If so, please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or email_museum@forterie.on.ca.

Music can have an important role in many people's lives



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

This is a week when I can get away with talking about one of my passions and stave away from the local political scene, to talk about something everyone appreciates. I'm talking about music. It's like food, everyone enjoys it.

The Niagara Music Awards are about to kickoff, several students at Stevensville Public School learned a plethora about the artistic craft of composing a song over the last few weeks. You will read all about both of these events in this week's issue and that's why I want to elaborate on the importance of the arts in general, but mostly the power of song.

I've played music since I was 12-years-old. I was in a few bands during high school and college, but it's mainly just a hobby for me.

I don't intend to ever become rich from playing drums.

But I'm glad that music has been a part of my life for so long, because it has shaped a lot of who I am today.

Having an appreciation for songwriting and composition at an early age, is just as important as learning to skate or swing a baseball bat. Some kids might not be interested in sports and instead focus more of their attention on being artistic and there's nothing wrong with that.

I multi-tasked for many

years and balanced my music hobby with playing sports like hockey and golf until I was about 17-years-old.

People who make a living playing music didn't just pick up an instrument where they were in their 20's or 30's.

You need to start as a child if there's a chance of becoming an expert... unless you are an extremely fast learner.

But all that aside, the Niagara Music Awards should be an exciting time once again.

This region is a hot bed of talent that is the home of

many reputable acts like Alexisonfire, Deadmau5 and many others.

It's my expectation this number will continue to grow and some acts who are not as popular as they could be, will enjoy the exposure that the Niagara Music Awards will bring them.

I mention Deadmau5, because there has been a lot of talk about the electronics performer, who is a native of Niagara Falls, after he went home from last Sunday's Juno Awards empty-handed.

Personally, I don't appreciate his music but I do appre-

ciate the fact that he is perhaps the biggest name in music right now, to come from Niagara.

For that I applaud him, but you won't catch me talking about his music positively because quite frankly, there's more to creating a great musical experience for listeners other than pushing a few buttons and standing on a stage, making it look like you are actually doing something.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email at kris.dube@sun-media.ca.

opinion page

Let McGuinty know we're unhappy, says reader

Dear Editor,

This is a letter to Dalton McGuinty.

The Liberals have run the show in the Niagara Region for quite some time.

We have them to thank for the great loss of industry in the Niagara Region.

In Fort Erie we have seen one closing of an industry after another and we don't even have a handful left to support this town and now you are taking away another two, the slots and racetrack.

You already took a viable hospital from us, one of the very few operating in the black and destroyed it, creating more job losses.

You have no idea what your latest move has done to Fort Erie and the surrounding area.

There are about 40 families of either couples and single moms that will be affected by one of the slots in Fort Erie.

Most employees will wind up on unemployment benefits and many may need welfare assistance down the road due to lack of jobs.

Many have had to turn to our food banks due to lack of jobs.

The local businesses will feel the fall out, as less money will be spent on restaurants, hairdressers, cars, gasoline, hotels and motels.

Many charities that run their fund raising through the slots will now lose that revenue.

Many people will have to uproot their families and sell or commute a great distance

if that's possible.

Many families will lose on the sale of their house because no one will want to buy a house in Fort Erie.

What attraction have you left us with for tourism?

Our taxes will go up as much as six per cent or more and raising taxes may cause many seniors who are struggling to stay in their homes, to sell.

You have most likely shattered the deal for the speedway to our town. These people realize that the slots and racetrack in conjunction with their industry would be a great attraction.

You could have let the slots close at the same time as the racetrack, giving people a year's notice to work on changing their lives and saving more money.

You are lying to us when you say you will be creating more jobs. You are losing just as many as you say you will create.

There have been more closings than this town can handle, such as Horton Steel, Irvin Altrich, Canadian Gasket and Harbour Manufacturing.

The town is a shell of what it was.

Many people went to the slots not just for gaming but for entertainment and to meet others there.

There is little left in our town for that entertainment.

You leave us with less and less to attract new life to our town.

So your motto should not be "Yes We Can, Can Do

It."

It should be "Yes we did, we did ruin another area of the Niagara region."

You have put a death notice to this town for the people you have let go and the residents.

Why was a survey not taken of the participants to the slots to see what may make them come more often or what could be done to attract more people?

Why was some new life not implemented?

You have sold us out to Toronto and you may even be putting a death toll on the Niagara region with your future plans.

The population of these areas is quite significant with about 273,100 people living in Fort Erie, Welland, Niagara Falls, Pelham, Thorold, St. Catharines and throughout the region.

So I ask you Mr. McGuinty, can you throw away this many votes plus the sympathy votes from other areas that will follow in support of the race track closings?

If for one will be voting Green or NDP and give them a chance because the Liberals and Conservatives have done nothing but screw us over and over.

If you agree please let McGuinty know how you feel.

Let them hear our voice. It may not change anything but we should not just roll over, it is our right to be heard.

Pat Smallidon
Fort Erie

The TIMES Asks

What are you looking forward to most this Easter weekend?



Tori Reid

"I'm looking forward to all of the extra family time this weekend."



Brenden Frerotte

"Seeing my family and eating a bunch of candy."



Amy King

"I'm looking forward to having my family over for Sunday dinner."



Ruby Netter

"I'm looking forward to spending time with my family and friends the most."

What do you think?

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We should respect the right to free speech and opinion

Dear Editor,

As Canadians, we are fortunate to live in a country that allows us to speak freely and to peacefully voice our opinions on issues that concern us.

This is a right that we do not take lightly.

I have been appalled by the actions of those individuals who have threatened our local MPP.

I was also very disappointed in a recent column in the Fort Erie

Times in the March 17 edition which suggested to those opposed to the Canadian Motor Speedway, "There's the highway, drive up it in whichever direction you choose and move out of town."

This comes from an individual who has, in the past, written that disagreeing with someone does not give you the right to treat them with disrespect.

Regardless of our views on various issues, we all

have a right to disagree with one another.

This doesn't give us the right to put people down because of their opposing views.

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APRIL 26, 2012

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Effective February 1, 2011, all Town of Fort Erie's formal competitive bid opportunities are posted on the Town's Landing Page www.bidding.com/forterie. If a hard copy is required, please contact Brad Menage bradenage@forterie.on.ca or at (905) 871-1600 ext. 2363, to make suitable arrangements.

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Application: 550309-0344

LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS

DATE: May 7, 2012
TIME: 8:00PM

LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PROPOSED CHANGE

A Zoning By-law Amendment application has been received for the property located at 1411 Point Abino Road North. The applicant has submitted a concurrent consent application to the Committee of Adjustment (Application 803/12) to sever the existing dwelling as surplus to an existing farm operation (Part 1). The remaining agricultural parcel (Part 2) will be merged in title with adjacent agricultural lands to the west fronting on Gilmore Road. To bring the severed parcel (Part 1) into compliance with the Zoning By-law regulations for the Agricultural A Zone, the applicant must rezone the lands. The applicant is requesting that the lands be rezoned from an Agricultural A Zone to a site-specific Agricultural A Zone. The site-specific Agricultural A Zone will modify provisions relating to lot area and frontage.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the Public Meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Zoning By-law Amendment, please send a letter to the Town Clerk Carolyn Kett, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding this application.

After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, Council-in-Committee at this meeting will consider a recommendation report on the Zoning By-law Amendment application.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Fort Erie to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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If you do not attend the public meeting and wish to be notified of the adoption of the Zoning By-law Amendment, you are required to make a written request to the Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2012
 Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk

Rick Brady, Director of Community and Development Services



MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Matt Kornshar, Senior Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2507. A copy of the information report will be available to the public on **May 4, 2012**. The information report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca, or from the Community and Development Services Department.



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Five-year-old Ayla Maloney prepares a chess board so she can play another game with her mom, Audra. The senior kindergarten student at Rose Seaton will compete in a regional school board competition in St. Catharines at CAW Hall on April 11.

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Five-year-old ready to compete at regional chess tournament

Ayla Maloney, a senior kindergarten student at Rose Seaton Elementary School began playing the game when she was three years old.

**Sarah Ferguson
The Times**

At just five years-old, Ayla Maloney loves to play a game of chess.

The senior kindergarten student at Rose Seaton Elementary School began playing the game when she was three years old. When her elementary school began a chess club this year, the five-year-old jumped at the chance to join.

Now, Ayla is headed to the Niagara District School Board's regional chess tournament at CAW Hall in St. Catharines on April 11.

She qualified for the regional competition by placing first in her division another tournament held at Fort Erie Elementary School last week.

The qualifying tournament at Fort Erie Elementary was her very first chess competition. Although Ayla was the only student in senior kindergarten to compete in the chess tournament last week, her mother Audra Maloney, says the opportunity to compete at the school board's regional tournament is a big accomplishment for her daughter.

"I'm really surprised in some ways and in other ways I'm not."

Maloney says her daughter can be shy at times, but she is proud Ayla "has the courage to go and com-

pete" in a large tournament.

"It doesn't matter where she places. What matters is that she is trying something new," Maloney, who works in education, says she has always enjoyed teaching her children at home.

Every Saturday, Maloney likes to do mini



Together we've learned that we don't win every game but we learn every game—that's the key to chess."

— Audra Maloney

science projects with her children to teach them new things, which she says is something her children have a lot of fun doing.

These weekly activities have helped Ayla by teaching her focus and discipline—two skills that benefit chess players.

"At first everybody who meets her says 'wow.' But the people who know us are not surprised. I like to teach my children at home."

With a busy schedule and four children ages five and under, playing the challenging game also became bonding time for Ayla and her mom, a cou-

ple times a week.

"I have four kids and

chess is an opportunity for us to do something together," says Maloney.

With a mom and a grandpa who have been playing the game since they were children themselves, Ayla has a lot of experience to learn from.

What's most important about the game is that Ayla learns good sportsmanship and the importance of practicing to become a better player, says Maloney.

"Together we've learned that we don't win every game but we learn every game. That's the key to chess."

For Ayla, chess is something she just likes to do and she says she is excited to compete in the big tournament in St. Catharines.

"It's a lot of fun," says Ayla.

Although the five-year-old is only still just a beginner, and she says the game was hard to learn at first, Ayla can compete with the best.

"I played with

my grandpa and I beat him by getting the king."

Ayla says with a big smile, as she gets ready to play

another game of chess with her mom.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Regional Policy Plan Amendment 1-2012 Niagara's Economic Gateway Zone and Centre

Proposed Change

The Region's Growth Management Strategy, Niagara 2031 includes policies which implement the Provincial Growth Plan's Economic Gateway Zone and Centre designations. RPPA 1-2012, Niagara's Economic Gateway Zone and Centre Amendment provides strategic direction for the development of employment lands within the Gateway and outlines a land use strategy to support economic development and job creation in these areas.

Niagara Region has prepared a draft Amendment including policies and mapping for RPPA 1-2012 to include into the Regional Policy Plan which can be viewed at (www.niagararegion.ca).

Have Your Say

Public input on this proposed amendment is welcomed and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Region. Please note that unless you do one of the above, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

Written Submission

To provide input in writing or to request personal notice if the proposed change is adopted, please send a letter c/o Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, 2201 St. David's Road, P.O. Box 1042, Thorold, Ontario L2V 4T7, or email kevin.baln@niagararegion.ca.

Public Meeting

This public meeting is being held under the provisions of Section 17 of the Planning Act in the following time and place:

Date: Wed., April 25, 2012

Time: 1 p.m.

**Location: Niagara Region Headquarters -
Campbell West Building
Council Chambers
2201 St. David's Road, Thorold, ON**

More Information

For more information about the proposed Amendment please contact Brian Dick, Senior Planner, MCIP, RPP by phone at (905) 685-1571, ext. 3365, or by email at brian.dick@niagararegion.ca.

A copy of the proposed Amendment and information and materials related to the Amendment are available for inspection in the Integrated Community Planning Department at the above address Monday to Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 p.m.

Special accessibility accommodations and materials in alternate formats can be arranged by contacting the Niagara Region's Accessibility Advisory Coordinator at 905-685-4225 ext. 3252 or accessibility@niagararegion.ca

LEGAL NOTICE

Section 17 of The Planning Act

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If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Policy Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Regional Clerk and such request must include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Cocaine bust on Gilmore

Five local residents are facing charges after a drug bust late last week.

In February, members of no. 5 district criminal investigative branch commenced an investigation into drug activity that was occurring at a Gilmore Road residence.

On Friday, March 30, the Niagara Regional Police executed a Controlled Drugs and Substance Act Search at the address.

Upon search of the residence, police located a quantity of cocaine, money and pepper spray.

Charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking cocaine and being with proceeds of crime under \$5,000 is 43-year-old Paul Prest.

21-year-old William Prest faces the same two charges.

23-year-old Shannon Wynne is charged with possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking and possession of a prohibited weapon.

Michael Currell, a local 20-year-old, is charged with possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, while 19-year-old Jessie Neto De Oliveira faces the same charge.

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Baby Times
Early literacy activities, games and stories for babies from birth to 18 months \$3 for a four-week program Mondays beginning April 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Crystal Ridge Branch

Another Boring Insect
Amy Brant of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority explains the dangers of the Emerald Ash Borer and what can be done to prevent the spread of this threat to our trees

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Event will showcase historic style

Bowen Road Women's Institute "Fashions of 1812" show may be a slight departure from the more military-focused 1812 bicentennial events planned for the Niagara region, but the organizers intend to showcase a fascinating slice of Fort Erie life 200 years ago - what kinds of clothing the average man, woman and child were wearing.

A group of more than twenty-five volunteers will model historical fashions from Fort Erie Historical Museum's collection in two shows taking place Saturday April 28 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at People's Memorial United Church in Ridgeway.

The models, including Councilor Stephen Passero and former mayor Wayne Redekop, will be wearing "everyday" fashions of the average 1812 Fort Erie resident, as well as clothing for formal occasions such as balls.

The fashion show will combine

entertainment, including period music, with education, offering information and insight about both the styles of clothing and the lives of people living in our Town 200 years ago.

The Museum's collection of historical reproduction clothing featured in the show is representative of the styles worn by people in and around Fort Erie during the early 1800's, just prior to the outbreak of the War of 1812.

This style of clothing is often called "Regency" or "Empire." The fashions of the time, often inspired by French Empress Josephine, have been made famous by Jane Austen and her novels.

A limited number of tickets are available for both afternoon and evening shows. Contact the Museum (call 905-894-5322 or email museum@forterie.on.ca) to reserve yours today.

Vagina Monologues hitting the stage

➤ Annual production in Ridgeway benefits a number of causes for women

Organizers of the upcoming Vagina Monologues production are putting one last call out to the community, hoping to fill as many seats as possible next weekend at the Sanctuary for the Arts in Ridgeway.

There are three performances

Tickets are \$20 and are available at the Sanctuary, along with Revival Salon on Ridge Road North.

Tickets can also be purchased through the event's website www.rldgewayvaginamonologues.com. Proceeds from the event will benefit Women's Addiction Recovery Meditation (WARM), The Women and Girls of Haiti and the Marsha Ellen Meldow Foundation.

For more information, contact
Deanna Spencer-
Walker at (905)
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An afternoon fundraiser of music

The Fort Erie Optimist Club is hoping the community will come out to enjoy a night of music, in a fundraiser to help support improvements to its park on Gilmore Road.

The local branch of the service club was founded in the late 1970's.

There are four soccer fields at Optimist Park, which are maintained by the Town of Fort Erie, but assistance is needed to look after the playground area and sections of the property near the clubhouse.

On April 28, the Fort Erie Optimist Club presents 'Barbershop Chorus,' featuring the musical stylings of A Capella Niagara. Forward Motion and JAZZ, all of whom will be performers at the event at the Leisurplex banquet hall, starting at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$15 per person.

Tickets can be purchased by calling (905) 871-4070 or by stopping by Lucky Bamboo Restaurant on Garrison Road, where tickets are also being sold.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie Opti-Mrs. members Dianne Parker, back left, Rosalie Snyder, Marion Woodcock, Gail Bingleman-Morden, Georgia Gull, Aaron Swartz, Julie Magno, front left, Anne Taylor and Helen Gianfrancesco at last Saturday's cake walk and penny sale, a fundraiser for the local service club.



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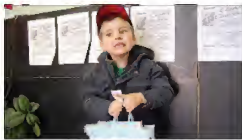
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One more winner



Cadden Warren got stuck in traffic on Wednesday and was unable to pose for a photo with his fellow Fort Erie Times Easter colouring contest winners. He stopped by shortly after and claimed his prize.

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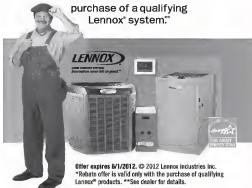
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The Town of Fort Erie's director of parks and open space development Signe Hansen, with Ontario Shorewalk Association founder Garry Skerrett.

Shorewalk Association holds annual general meeting

It was celebration time for the Ontario Shorewalk Association at its annual general meeting at The Barrel restaurant on March 24.

Guest speaker Signe Hansen, the Town of Fort Erie's director of parks and open space development outlined the progress to date on improvements to local waterfront road allowances.

The Town has completed surveys and placed permanent line of sight markers which clearly delineate public waterfront lands and has also placed signage to let the public and visitors know that this is public access to Lake Erie.

Also, new signs along the Friendship Trail will

point the way to the lake for our trail users and our visitors.

Town council and staff have also initiated a concerted effort to let our public and visitors know of the many access points along the lake shore.

In addition to improved signage the town's annual publications and a new website will further inform visitors and residents where lake shore is available.

Ms. Hansen received an appreciation plaque from Shorewalk founder Garry Skerrett who also recognized the efforts of past president Stephen Passero and current president Betty Van Osch.

Ms. Van Osch spoke to the Right of Passage Bill which will be presented to the Ontario Legislature for the third time by MPP Kim Craitor.

"He is more hopeful than previously since it seems to have some degree of all party support and may be co-sponsored by members of the opposition parties," said Shorewalk president Betty Van Osch.

The current executive will be reaffirmed for the next year. Betty Van Osch will remain as president with VP Mary McLellan-Papp, Secretary Lara Skerrett, Treasurer Doug Taylor, and directors Lisa Cioffi, Chris Larocque and Garry Skerrett.

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Midget team wins tournament in Greater Toronto Area

The Fort Erie Junior Meteors Midget team ended the year on a high note winning The Toronto Aero Mark Woszczyzna Memorial Spring Classic Tournament held in Mississauga Ontario.

The tournament was held this past weekend, March 30 April 1 and the Junior Meteors, after an average regular season record of 10-8-7 and an early playoff exit, won every game to capture the championship.

They started the tournament Friday with two hard fought wins beating the Bradford Bulldogs 3-2, and the Bayonne Rangers 1-0.

Saturday's match up was against the Markham Waxers and the Meteors came in the strong and sealed their spot in the semi-finals winning another one goal game 4-3.

Sunday morning the Junior Meteors faced off against the Quebec Panthers.

In a very defensive match Gavin Rancourt scored the only goal firing it bar down to seal the win. Drake Whyte played a stellar game

between the pipes recording his second shutout of the tournament.

The final was set to start at 2:40 but due to a power outage the game was delayed for an hour.

Fort Erie didn't let this delay distract them and came out flying. They dominated the first half of the final against the Credit Valley Wolves going up 2-0 on goals by Austin Broad and Paolo Sivillotti.

Fort Erie's penalty trouble and casual play in the second allowed the surging Wolves to score two goals and tie the game. Both teams traded scoring chances in the third, the best coming from Credit Valley in the dying seconds forcing Fort Erie's goalie Connor Mackinnon to make a game saving stop to compel overtime.

The overtime was a five minute three-on-three style play where shortly in speedster Cole Majors ripped a wrist shot through Credit Valley's goaltender to bring the wine for victory.



In the back row are coaches Stephen Barnhardt, left, and Rob Barnhardt, Jordan Betzold, Austin Broad, Pat Stairs, Haden Murray, Jonathan Williams, Paolo Sivillotti, Matt Kenny, Gavin Rancourt, coach Jon Lagace. In the front row are Connor Mackinnon, left, Cole Majors, Chris Gray, Alex Hurren, Bryan Steckley, Frankie Franck, Greg Mialott and Drake Whyte.

Mayors placing bets on Saturday's historic game

The bets are in and the stakes have been raised for Saturday's Canada-US hockey game, hosted by the City of Erie 1812 Bicentennial Committee.

The game just became a little more interesting now that Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin extended a friendly challenge to his Buffalo counterpart Mayor Byron Brown.

The bet requires the mayor of the losing team to wear the jersey of the winning team to their next public event.

If team Canada loses, mayor Martin will sport the team USA jersey at his following Monday night council meeting, and if team USA loses, mayor Brown will wear the Canadian jersey to his next charitable event.

"We don't want to re-light the War of 1812," said Martin. "We were pretty happy with

the results the first time. But this is hockey and we intend to win."

The fate of the game and the loser of the bet will only be revealed after 60 minutes of hockey on April 7.

But it isn't all competition between the two nations. Both mayors will attend the game and participate in a ceremonial puck-drop in order to represent the 200 years of peace that has stood between our countries and show the significance of the 1812 Bicentennial.

The game will take place at the Fort Erie Leisureplex on April 7 at 7 p.m. and will feature current junior and college level players.

Tickets are available at the door, \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids, and kids under 12 dressed in Canadian or U.S. apparel can enter the game for free to cheer their country on to victory.

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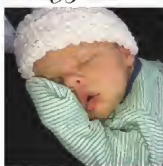
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Births



MILTON

Big Brother Mitchell is very excited to announce the birth of his baby brother, **Matthew Jonathan**, born February 11, 2012 at 10:21am, weighing 6lbs 15oz. Matthew is the fifth grandchild for Wendy and Larry Gibson, the second for Ella and Norm Milton and the fifth great grandchild for Fran White. Matthew is welcomed by his big cousins, Cameron Strugar and Cooper Mott and his almost twin Francis Singarut. Matthew is lucky to have lots of aunts and uncles who love him very much. Matthew and mommy would like to thank Dr. Beyani for once again going above and beyond to make the pregnancy and delivery perfect! Mommy would also like to send big hugs to Daddy, Grandma Wendell and Aunt Paula for being her labour and delivery team again, she couldn't have done it without you!

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DUBANOW/WALPOLE

Nick Dubanow and Lauran Walpole of Fort Erie are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, **William Richard Nicholas Dubanow**, on March 27, 2012 at Welland County General Hospital, weighing 8lbs 5oz.

Proud grandparents are Nick Dubanow Sr. of St. Catharines and Kathleen Dubanow of Niagara Falls, and Richard and Carole Walpole of Fort Erie. Great-grandparents are William Hodson of St. Catharines, Meta Dubanow of St. Catharines, Diane Walpole of Fort Erie and John Walpole of Fort Erie. Proud aunts, Amy (Kyle), Joy (Jan), Emily and Saleena, and his cousin Charles. Special thanks to Dr. Chaoudry for watching over Lauran during the pregnancy and delivery, and to Dr. Al-Darazi and the nursing staff on the second floor of Welland General for their fantastic care of our sweet little boy.

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If love could have saved you
You never would have died.
Things we feel most deeply
Are the hardest things to say.
My dearest one, I loved you.
In a very special way.
If I could have one lifetime wish
One dream that could come true.
I'd pray to God with all my heart
For yesterday and you.*

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AUKEIMA, John - At Douglas Memorial Hospital, on Thursday March 29, 2012, John, beloved husband of Jacobs (nee Vasser) (dear father of Bob, Maria, Anna, Ruurd, loving grandfather of Tracy, Amanda, Sara, Rob and Lacey, also survived by 8 great-grandchildren & several nieces and nephews. Al John's request cremation has taken place. Interment Collingwood Ontario. Donations to the Douglas Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, Ridgeway ON. 905-994-0120

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Deaths



DAY, Joan - Peacefully surrounded by her family at her residence in Port Colborne on Monday, April 2nd, 2012 in her 87th year formerly of Fort Erie. Beloved wife of the late Max Day (1992). Loving mother of Joanne (late George) Baker and the late Roland Day (2002). Loved grandma of Max, Richard, Dottie, Owen, Elise and great-grandchildren of Wesley, Michael and Norman. Dear sister of Helen Beckwith and Arthur Murrell and aunt of many nieces and nephews. At the request of Joan, cremation has taken place and she will be laid to rest with her husband Max at Greenwood Cemetery, Fort Erie on Wednesday April 18th at 2:30 pm. Arrangements entrusted to the Hammond-Davidson Funeral Home, Fort Erie. Online condolences hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com

FRASER, James - James Fraser passed away at the St. Catharines General Hospital on Monday April 2nd, 2012. Beloved husband of Dorothy. Proud father of Kimberly (Dave) Meyer, Christiana grandfather of Naashia, Steven and Drew. Sadly missed by his sister, Donna (Jim) Weaver, his niece Sarah, nephew Tyler, his extended family and friends. Predeceased by his daughter Deborah. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends Saturday April 7th from 12 noon until 2 pm. Private family funeral services will be conducted. If so desired, memorial donations would be appreciated to the Parkinson's Society.

HONEY, Helga - Passed away unexpectedly on Friday March 30th, 2012. Loving wife of Donald. Proud mother of Kimberly (Corey) and Brian. Helga will be sadly missed by Uncle John, her extended family, and her many friends. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Friends visited with the family on Wednesday evening from 5 — 8 at the funeral home. In keeping with Helga's love of Casey, the family would ask that if so desired, donations be directed toward the Fort Erie S.P.C.A.

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A million times I've cried.
I've come here and saved you
You never would have died.
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Are the hardest things to say.
My dearest one, I loved you,
In a very special way.
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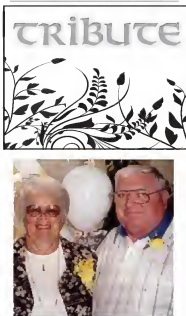
Deaths

PRESSEY, Anne Maria - Anne passed away at the Hamilton General Hospital on April 2nd, 2012 in her 55th year. Beloved wife of Joey Clugston. Proud mother of Amber (Rob) Seabach, Michael (Richelle) Pressey and Christopher (Evelyn) Pressey. Step-mother of Joel Clugston. Cherished grandmother of Tanner, Zachary, Zoe, Amber, Zach, Hannah, Dakota, Alex, Ava and Colton. Sadly missed sister of Paul (Teresa) Pressey, Marlene Vissar and Joe Pressey, many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Services will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Saturday April 7th at 10:30. If so desired, donations to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

In memoriam

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Joanne Somerville

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In memoriam

Margaret Broderick MacDonald

A mother who gave us the best years of her life,
Who cherished our secrets,
Our sorrows, our smiles,
Who taught us to love
and taught us to pray,
Dear mother in Heaven,
God bless you today.
Deeply missed and forever in our hearts,
Cheryl, Dave and Family



On The First Anniversary of Your Death Maria Cottone

January 14, 1938 - April 7, 2011
If I had all the world to give, I would give it, yet and more.
To hear your voice, see your smile and have you greet me at our door when I arrived home from work.
But all I can do my precious mother, is go and tend your grave and leave behind tokens of my love.
For me you were the best mother God ever made and for Scott you were not only a treasured and irreplaceable sister and confidante, but also a best friend and like a daughter.
Respecting your wishes as I knew you so well, no farewell words were spoken, no time for us to say goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it, and only God can tell us why.
The pain you left us is a more unbearable and unrelenting each day that goes by, words do not exist to describe it.
We feel we're truly not apart, until the final breath we take you'll be living in our hearts and in our minds.
We believe that wherever heaven my be, you'll be standing at that great door with Daddy, Lena and our entire family who has gone before us, with your beautiful smile and your arms open, to welcome us home to be with all of us for all of eternity.
Love always, Vincent and Lavina

STEVENSON, DONNIE

In loving memory of a dear brother who passed away April 6, 2011. Loving and kind in all his ways. "Sandbox Buddy" to the end of the days. Sincere and kind in heart and mind. What a beautiful memory he left behind. Cherished - not forgotten, love Berla

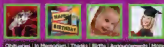


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Novice team best in province

Back and forth series ends with local squad being OMHA champs

The Fort Erie Major Novice Team are provincial champions.

Last weekend, the local squad of eight-year-olds capped a back and forth series against the Erie North Shore Storm, with a 4-3 win.

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